[11th March 1929

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister what the average acreage is which every demonstrator serves in the Kurnool district ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Notice."

Work of the agricultural demonstrators in each district.

* 1693 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of agricultural demonstrators in each of the districts ;

(b) the number of villages visited by each last year ; and

(c) whether any printed instructions are distributed by the demonstrators ?

A.—(a) & (b) A statement is appended.[a]

(c) Yes ; they are distributed to such ryots who are literate but in the case of the majority who are illiterate verbal instructions also are given. It is however part of the regular propaganda duty of every Demonstrator to keep his public informed of departmental literature and to supply it, if necessary.

Agricultural motor exhibition lorries.

* 1694 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the names of districts to which the motor exhibition lorries have so far been sent ; and

(b) whether they will be sent to South Kanara and if so, when ?

A.—(a) Salem, Coimbatore, Malabar, North Arcot and Chingleput.

(b) The lorries are too big and heavy for safe transport across the rivers on the ferries and therefore it is not possible to send them to South Kanara.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know whether the lorries cannot be taken in the train or by road from Malabar to South Kanara via Mercara ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" It is not worthwhile doing so."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, what arrangements the Minister has made to find out the opinions of the ryots concerned as to the utility of these lorries ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I do not quite understand the question."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" What good purposes the lorries are serving ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" They serve the very useful purpose of educating the illiterate ryots in modern scientific methods of cultivation, etc."

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 538–539 infra.